GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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GUIDELINES FOR EXPIRED DAMAGED MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Drugs Manufacturers Association (IDMA) has since finalized guidelines for the disposal of expired and rejected medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for not formulating such guidelines; and

(d) by when guidelines are likely to be formulated?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)to(d): As per the information available form Indian Drug Manufacturers` Association, Mumbai, the Association have formulated and published on 21 December, 2002 `Guidelines on Disposal of Date Expired/Damaged/Rejected Medicines` meant for health and safety of the consumers as well as to prohibit their recycling by unscrupulous elements. The Association has formulated a three tier plan to help in prevention and control of such practices at three separate locations which includes, manufacturing location, distribution/sale location and at consumer end. The guidelines further envisage that appropriate Standard Operating Procedures would be followed for destruction of date expired/damaged/rejected medicines under the supervision of a designated responsible individual of the management. The designated individual would further record all details and certify the destruction activity.